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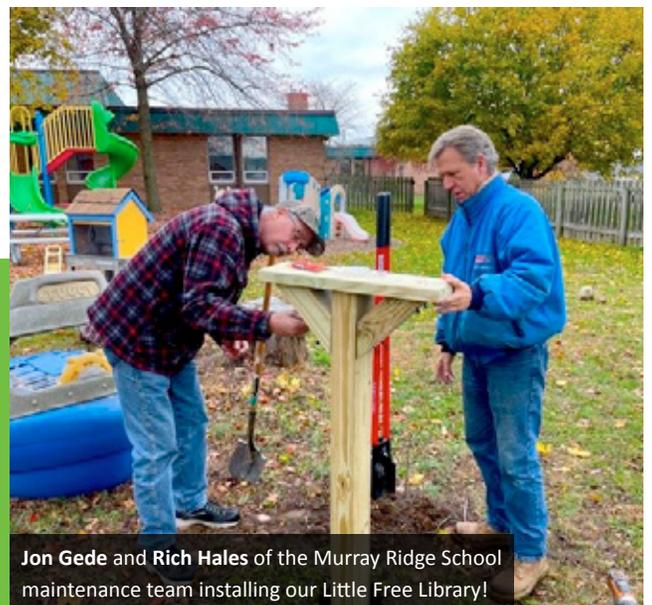
MURRAY RIDGE COURIER

Our New Little Free Library!

Recently, **Karen McKenzie**, a Speech and Language Pathologist at Murray Ridge School, acquired a Little Free Library for the primary school playground! The Little Free Library, complete with a bin of starter books, was provided by **United Way of Greater Lorain County**, and it was built by volunteers from **Avient Corporation**, located in Avon Lake. Some of Karen's speech and language students have volunteered to help organize and stock the library, which everyone is welcome to visit and borrow books from! If you would like to donate books, please contact Karen McKenzie by calling the Murray Ridge School at (440) 329-3734.

What is a Little Free Library?

Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that has supported a global book sharing movement worldwide since 2012. Their mission "is to be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all through a global network of volunteer-led Little Free Libraries."



Jon Gede and Rich Hales of the Murray Ridge School maintenance team installing our Little Free Library!

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In Keegan Manges' Honor

The Little Free Library was installed in the section of Murray Ridge School's playground that is being dedicated to the memory of **Keegan Manges**, a beloved student of Murray Ridge School who passed away in June of 2020. Keegan loved playing outside and reading books, so staff agreed that this area would be the perfect place to honor and remember him.

Weather-Related Announcements Reminder

Murray Ridge program closing information will be available on TV station Fox 8, on the Fox 8 website (fox8.com), and on radio stations WEOL 930 AM and WOBL 1320 AM, as it has in the past.

There will be two separate listings for Murray Ridge Center:

- Murray Ridge—Adult Activities Centers
- Murray Ridge School

For the past several years, Fox 8 has displayed information on the status of our Adult Activities Centers as described below:

- On fox8.com, the information will be under the 'Daycare' tab in the School Closings section.
- On Channel 8, information about the status of our Adult Activities Centers will scroll from left to right beneath the School Closings information at the very bottom of the television screen under 'Daycare.' These listings are in alphabetical order by county; however, no county names will be listed due to the limitations of Fox 8's computer systems. Therefore, if you choose to use the TV to determine the status of the Adult Centers, you must continue to monitor that 'Daycare' listing until it has run a complete cycle.

NOTE: You can also sign up with Fox 8 to receive text alerts on Murray Ridge School and Adult Activities Centers closings. To do so, click on 'Closing Text Alerts' in the School Closings section of the Fox 8 website.

Parents and caregivers of school students should disregard the "Murray Ridge—Adult Activities Centers" listing, and follow only the listing for "Murray Ridge School." Conversely, adult consumers who attend our Opportunity/Vocational Centers and their parents/caregivers should disregard the "Murray Ridge School" listing, and follow only the listing for "Murray Ridge—Adult Activities Centers."

If "Open - No Transportation" follows the announcement for "Murray Ridge—Adult Activities Centers," parents/caregivers are welcome to transport adult consumers to their day service sites. Regular programming will be provided. Consumers should be dropped off no earlier than 8:30 a.m. and must be picked up by 3:45 p.m.

In the event of bad weather, the decision to transport individuals to Murray Ridge Center will be based on the ability of our buses to travel safely on city and county roads. Regardless of whether or not transportation is available through Murray Ridge Center, if our Opportunity/Vocational Centers are open, but there is an individual concern about the weather, adult consumers should feel free to stay home. Likewise, parents/caregivers of Murray Ridge School students who have individual concerns regarding the weather should feel free to keep their children at home, even if school is in session.

Please be aware that transportation to enclave sites is generally available even if transportation to the Opportunity/Vocational Centers is cancelled. Murray Ridge Center does not broadcast the status of enclave transportation on the television or radio. Consumers should assume that enclave transportation will be available unless they receive a phone call from a member of our Supported Employment Department.

First Student bus company can be reached at 288-2222.

Boardroom Briefing

The Lorain County Board of DD convened at 6:30 p.m. on November 29th, 2021

The Board approved a resolution to request that the county auditor certify the availability of funds needed to pay the nonfederal share of Medicaid services in 2022. The Board passed a resolution authorizing for public release a draft of its 2022 Strategic Plan, and gave notice of a public forum on this report to be held on December 13, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Board's Administration Building, 1091 Infirmary Rd., Elyria, Ohio; a copy of the Draft 2022 Strategic Plan can be accessed at www.murrayridgecenter.org or by calling (440)329-3734. The Board addressed a new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) rule requiring COVID-19 vaccination of staff, on-site contractors, and certain individuals who work with staff and/or residents of some health care facilities, including Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (like the Meister Rd. Home); subsequent to the Board meeting, a federal court issued a preliminary nationwide injunction regarding this CMS mandate. Superintendent Fisher notified the Board that the agency has submitted a grant for funding of various supports for youth with intensive needs, and discussed the need to help fund the local Children & Family First Council in the near future. Dr. Fisher also shared that the agency had a very successful Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) accreditation review in October, and that she has received verification that the Lorain County Board of DD will receive a three-year accreditation (the longest accreditation issued by DODD).



Nominations Sought for Exceptional Service Awards

Do you know a Murray Ridge employee whose work efforts reflect remarkable dedication and have significantly contributed to the well-being of people with developmental disabilities? Nominate that employee for an Exceptional Service Award! If you are a community member; consumer; or parent, guardian, sibling or other relative of a Murray Ridge program participant, submit your nomination to Kevin Naughton, Community Education/Volunteer Director. Please include a brief paragraph outlining your reasons for nominating the employee. All nominations will be forwarded to the Board for consideration. The Board presents Exceptional Service Awards on a quarterly basis. If you have any questions, contact Kevin at (440) 329-3734 or kevin@murrayridgecenter.org

Now Hiring!

Direct Support Professionals (Home Setting)

We have openings available for permanent and as-needed positions to care for residents of our Meister Rd. home. Hours vary based on position and/or assignment.

Custodial/Maintenance

We are looking for as-needed custodial/maintenance help, a full-time Lead Maintenance Technician and two full-time Maintenance Technicians. Hours are generally during the day.

FEATURED positions

Direct Support Professionals (Adult Program Setting)

We have openings available for as-needed positions to care for participants in our Adult Program. Hours are generally during the day.

We are looking for **Intermittent (as-needed) Speech and Language Pathologists**



School Setting

We have openings available for permanent and as-needed classroom aides

We provide the training. You provide the ♥

To see our current openings and to apply, go to the Murray Ridge website and click on "Opportunities"

All candidates:

Must have valid Ohio drivers license, good driving record, and High School Diploma/GED. Must pass background check, drug test, and physical.

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Photo of the Month: Murray Ridge School senior students Jaydon Smith and Charles Fairchild on the school's recycling team!

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